

# STATION GYRATORY PUBLIC SPACE AND ACTIVE TRAVEL IMPROVEMENTS

In early 2023 Shropshire Council, with the support of the Big Town Plan Partnership, secured funding from the Levelling Up Fund Round 2 (LUF2) to improve public space and provide walking and cycling improvements in Shrewsbury Town Centre. This includes the improvements around the Station Gyratory area which aim to ease movement through the area for visitors and users, improving accessibility and providing opportunities for placemaking that reflect the historic character of our town.

We want to hear your views on our proposals for the areas surrounding the Shrewsbury Station Gyratory including the new northern and southern walking and cycling (active travel) corridors.

Members of the project team will be available at 3 public drop in events at **St Mary's Church, St Mary's Place, Dogpole, Shrewsbury SY1 1DX** for you to ask questions and find out more about our proposals.

- Thursday 8th February: 13:00 – 19:00
- Friday 9th February: 10:00 – 16:00
- Saturday 10th February: 10:00 – 16:00

#### Have your say

Information about the proposals and the feedback survey are available online. Please scan the QR code with your smartphone, or visit: [www.shrewsburystationgyratory.commonplace.is](http://www.shrewsburystationgyratory.commonplace.is)

The consultation closes at **11:55pm on Tuesday 5th March 2024**

SKETCH AERIAL VIEW OF INDICATIVE PROPOSALS



Scan QR Code to view our website  
and have your say on the proposals

# CHANGES IN SHREWSBURY TOWN CENTRE

The project is made up of three phases:

1. Building on the work carried out on the Castle Street Vision and Development Framework in 2019, a new **southern active travel corridor** is proposed on Castle Street to connect to the town centre.
2. A new **northern active travel corridor** is proposed to connect to Flaxmill Maltings via Castle Foregate, New Park Road and the existing Canal Path walking and cycling route.
3. Improvements to the **Gyratory area**, which sits at the centre of the proposals, to reorganise space with changes to the road layout to allow for a north-south active travel route past the station, as well as walking and public space improvements including more greenery and street seating.

A detailed plan showing the three phases can be found on Board 4.

The Shrewsbury Gyratory Improvements are just one part of the overall shared vision for the future of Shrewsbury Town Centre.

Our proposals have been designed to align with the vision for Shrewsbury set out in:

- The Shrewsbury Big Town Plan (2018)
- Shrewsbury Big Town Plan Masterplan Vision (2021)
- Shrewsbury Movement and Public Space Strategy (known as Shrewsbury Moves). Consultation launched on 26 January 2024 - for more information and to have your say please scan the QR code below.

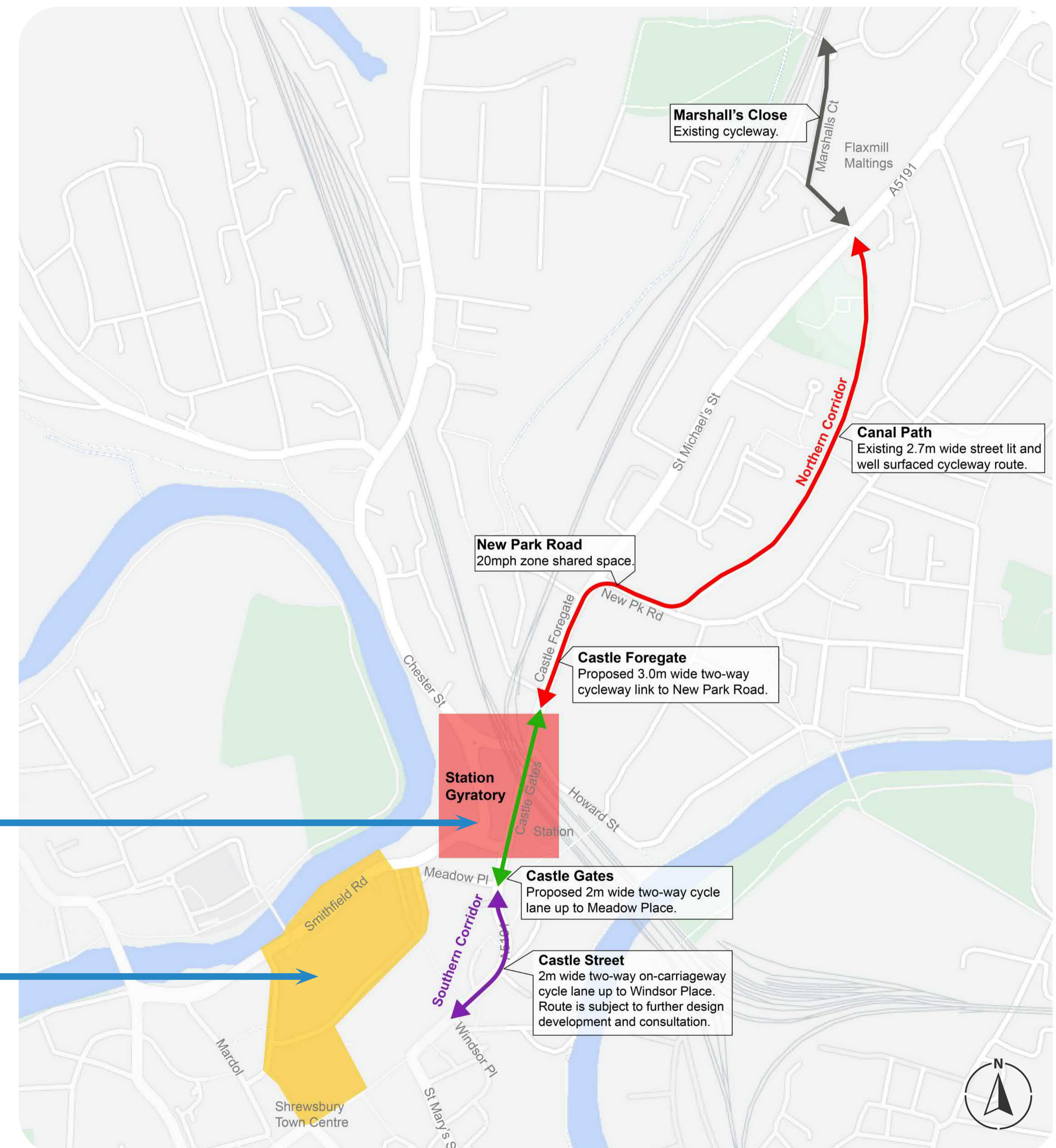
Developed by the Shrewsbury Big Town Plan Partnership, Shrewsbury Moves is a 10-year vision and plan to transform movement and grow the economy in the town centre. Accessibility of public spaces throughout Shrewsbury town centre and connectivity to the wider active travel network are key principles in the Strategy that have directly informed development of the LUF2 proposals for the Station Gyratory area. Our proposals represent an early scheme within the wider delivery of the Strategy and will continue to be informed by the Strategy as the design and delivery works progress.

The Smithfield Riverside project (also LUF2 funded) is located next to the Station Gyratory and is currently due for consultation in Spring 2024, focused on the area between The Darwin Centre, Roushill and the River Severn, at the heart of Shrewsbury town centre. The southern active travel corridor will provide a connection to the Riverside area.



Scan QR Code to view the Shrewsbury Movement and Public Space Strategy

MAP SHOWING PROPOSED PROJECTS IN SHREWSBURY



Station Gyratory Improvements

Smithfield Riverside Project Area

**KEY**

- Canal Path (1.2km)
- Castle Gates (0.2km)
- Castle Street (0.2km)
- Station Gyratory
- Adjacent Riverside area under development

Total length of new cycle routes = 1.6km x 2 = 3.2km

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The proposed development area includes the Station Gytratory next to Shrewsbury railway station, connecting Castle Gates (A5191), Chester Street (A528) and Smithfield Road (A458), and the active travel corridors to the north and south.

**A detailed plan showing the three phases can be found on Board 4.**

Our proposals include **upgrading existing and introducing new infrastructure** to promote safe active travel in Shrewsbury.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES AIM TO:

### ACTIVE TRAVEL



Improve cycling facilities and routes to connect with the wider cycle network identified within The Shrewsbury Big Town Plan



Provide more space for walking and cycling to make it easier for people to walk and cycle into the town centre

### VEHICLE MOVEMENT



Minimise traffic throughout the Station Gytratory area by reviewing and making adjustments to key transport routes



Improve safety by reducing vehicle speeds and upgrading key junctions

These include:

- Safer pedestrian crossing points and footways
- A new cycleway integrating with the wider walking and cycling network to the north and south of Shrewsbury town centre
- New public space features, creating places for pause and rest
- Greener streets and spaces that promote and preserve local biodiversity
- Improving key junctions and access routes into and out of the Station Gytratory area

### SUSTAINABILITY



Promote street greening throughout the area and seek opportunities for biodiversity enhancements



Improve air quality within the Station Gytratory area through a reduction in traffic and increased planting throughout the area

### PLACEMAKING

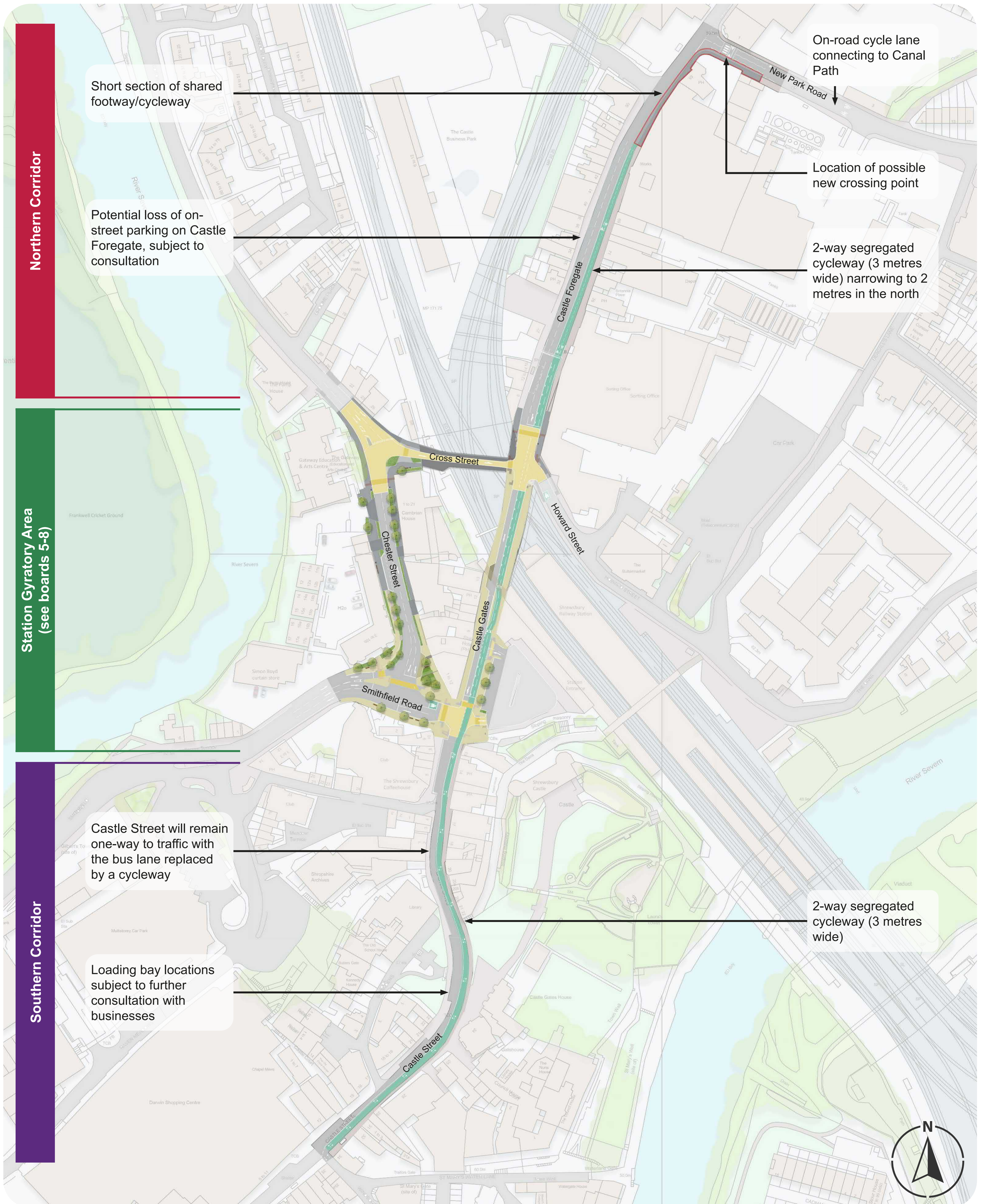


Create a more welcoming environment for this area and create rest areas and places to pause within the area



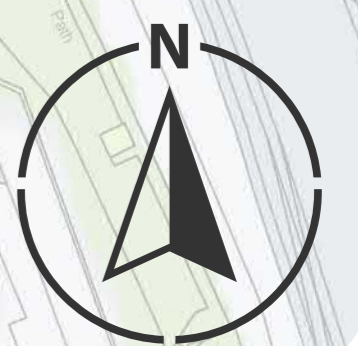
Identify future opportunities for the introduction of public art

# DETAILED PLAN OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



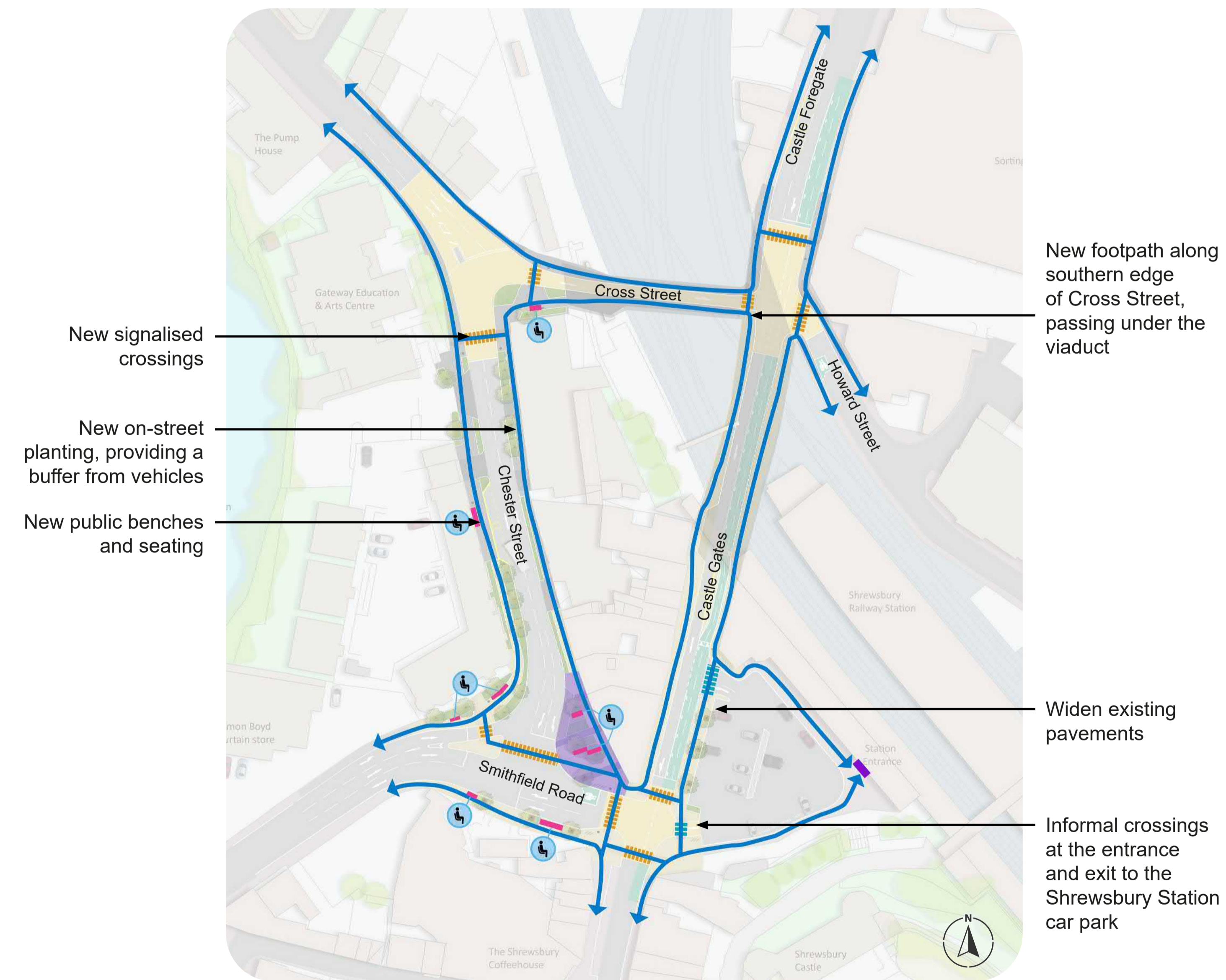
**KEY**

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| Building | Railway                     | Shared footway/cycleway           |
| River    | Existing tree               | Cycle track                       |
|          | Carriageway                 | Indicative proposed planting area |
|          | Coloured junction treatment | Indicative proposed tree planting |
|          | Pedestrian crossing point   |                                   |



# MOVEMENT - WALKING PROPOSALS

The proposed changes for walking movement aim to **increase active travel, prioritise safety and ease of movement across key junctions**, and improve accessibility into and out of the Station Gyratory area. There will be wider pavements, new signalised crossings and benches. The reduction of traffic and addition of a footpath along the southern edge of Cross Street will make this a better, safer route for pedestrians.



New footpath along southern edge of Cross Street, passing under the viaduct

Widen existing pavements

Informal crossings at the entrance and exit to the Shrewsbury Station car park

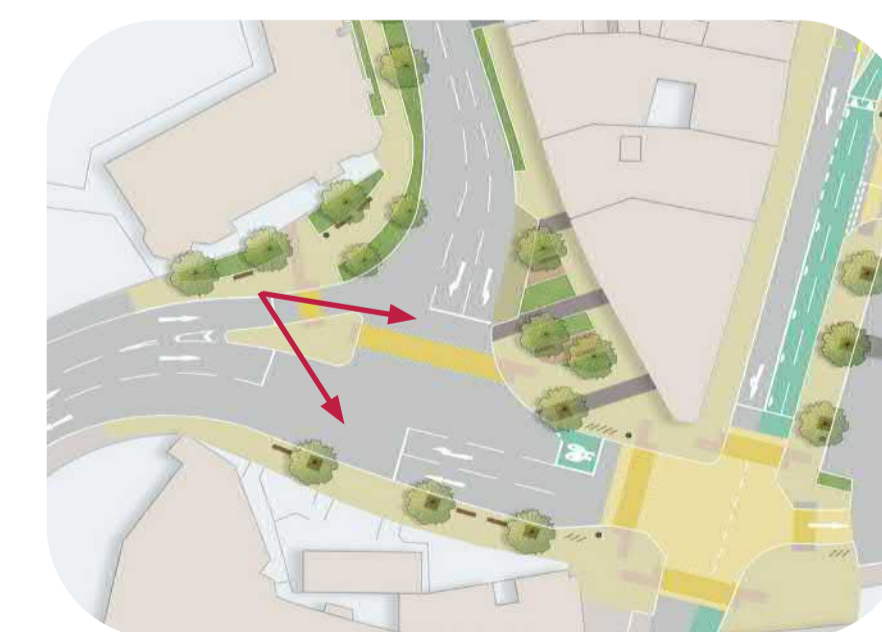
**KEY**

- Pedestrian movement
- Formal crossing point
- Informal crossing point
- Seating
- Feature space
- Station entrance



**SMITHFIELD ROAD AND CHESTER STREET JUNCTION**

View is from the junction of Smithfield Road and Chester Street. The view faces east towards Shrewsbury Castle and outlines the key changes to the junction, additional street greening and new public spaces proposed to the south of the Station Gyratory.

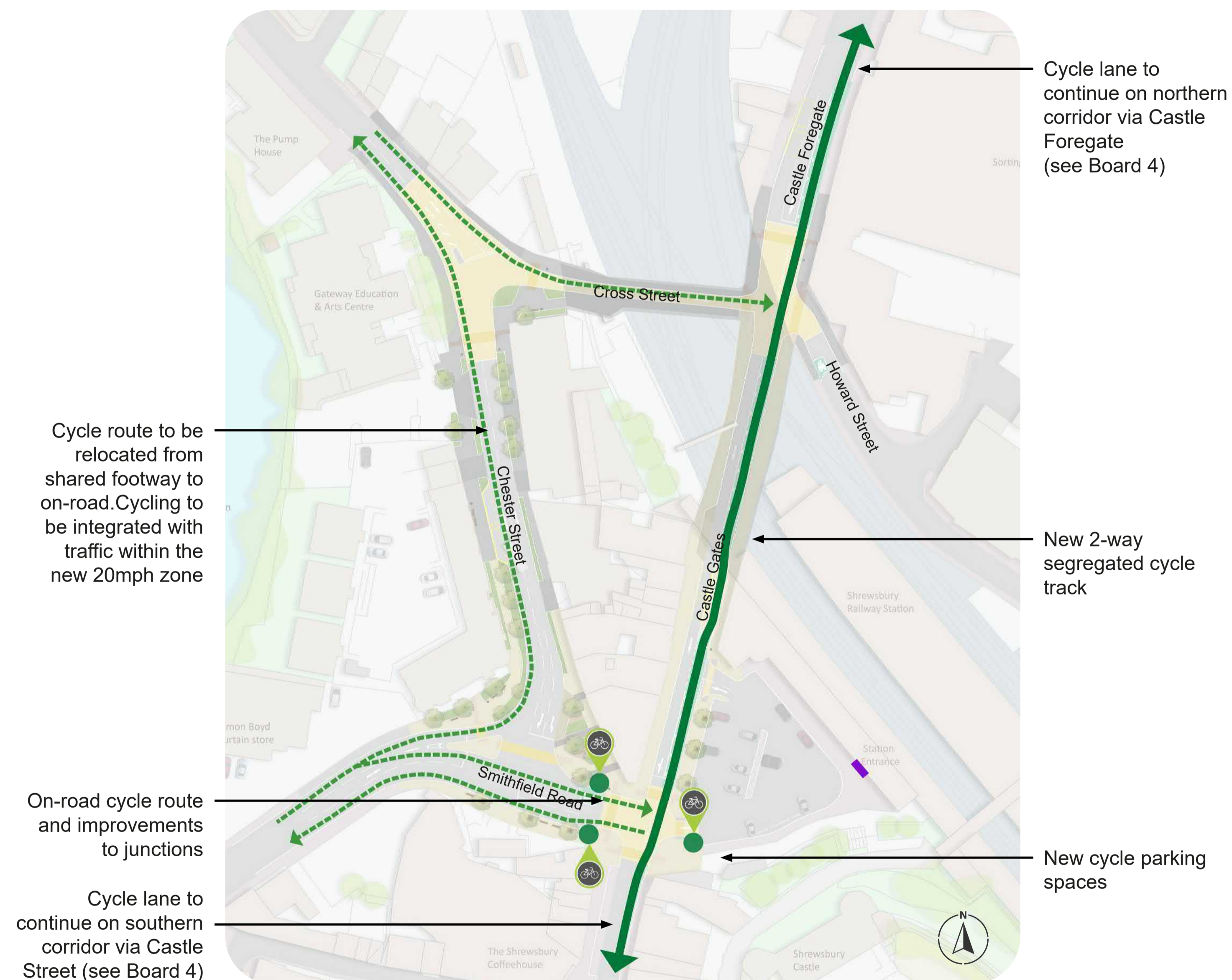


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# MOVEMENT - CYCLING PROPOSALS

The proposals for cycling movement aim to encourage active travel and improve accessibility for cyclists throughout the Station Gyratory area. These changes align with the Shrewsbury Movement and Public Space Strategy to link with proposals for movement routes within the wider area, both to and across Shrewsbury.

As part of the Station Gyratory Improvements project we will introduce **two new cycle routes** to the north and south of the scheme via new active travel corridors along Castle Foregate (north of the Station) and Castle Street (south of the Station towards the town centre).



**KEY**

- 2 way-cycle track
- On carriageway cycling
- Cycle parking within footway
- Station entrance



**CASTLE FOREGATE, CROSS STREET AND HOWARD STREET JUNCTION**

View is from the northern junction between Castle Foregate, Cross Street and Howard Street. View faces south along Castle Foregate and shows the proposed junction improvements, reduction of the existing vehicle movement to single lane traffic (as shown on the vehicle proposals plan) and addition of the new 2-way segregated cycle track.



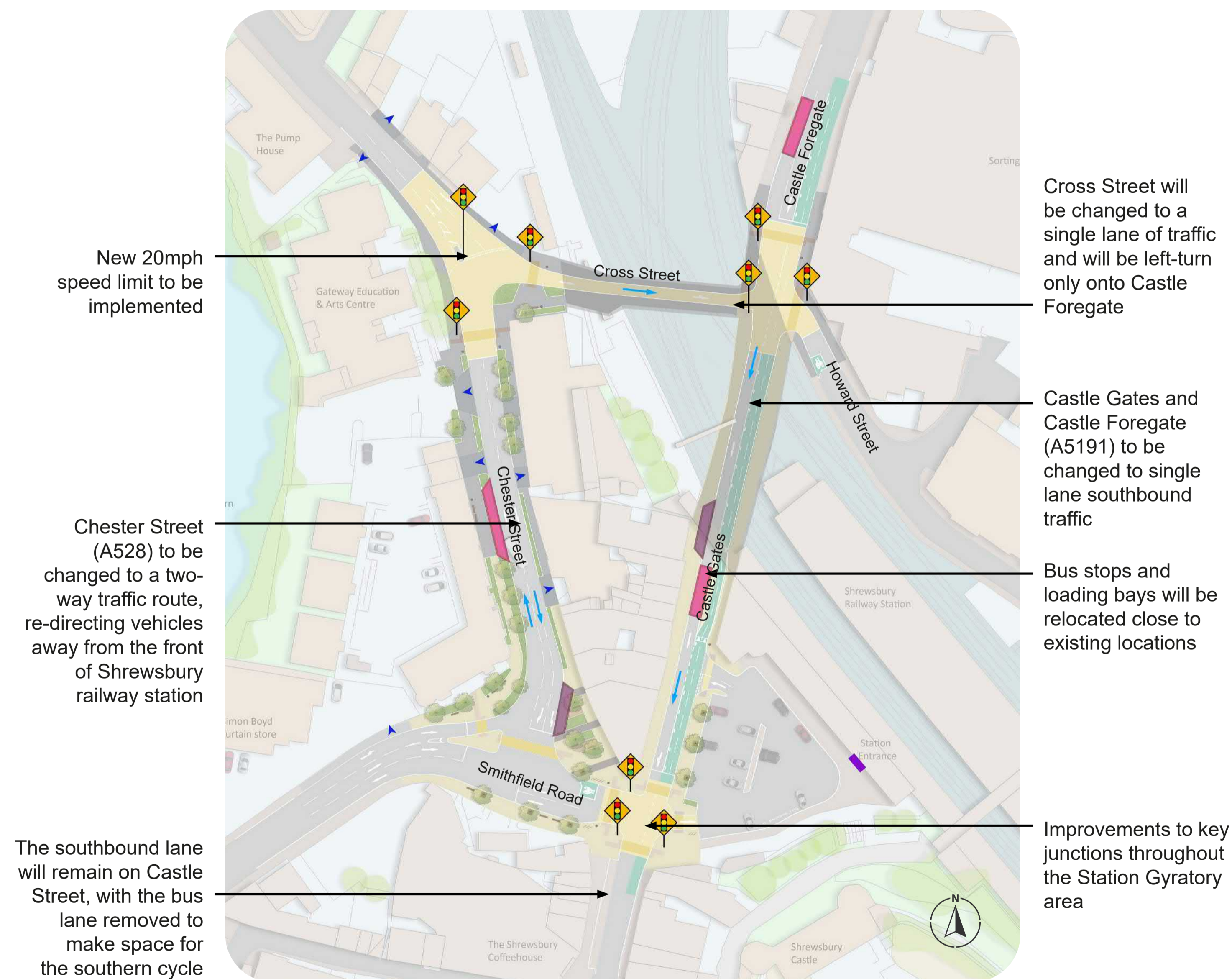
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# MOVEMENT - VEHICLE PROPOSALS

The proposed improvements and changes for vehicles movement aim to ease congestion and enhance safety for all users throughout the Station Gyratory area. A new 20mph speed limit is to be proposed throughout the Station Gyratory area to reduce vehicle speeds and further improve safety for walking and cycling movement. Our proposals include reconfiguring vehicle movement in line with the overall vision for Shrewsbury indicated within the Big Town Plan.

## TRAFFIC MODELLING SUMMARY

We have modelled the existing and forecast vehicle movements in the Gyratory area across weekday and weekend peak rush hours. Based on 2023 surveyed flows our proposals improve the operation of the two Cross Street junctions (with Chester Street and Castle Foregate). The introduction of traffic lights will introduce some additional delay to vehicle movements at other junctions around the Gyratory. However, the overall total current delays on the Gyratory are forecast to reduce during peak periods with the reduction in through-traffic in the town centre associated with the opening of the North West Relief Road, other infrastructure improvements and the proposals for the Gyratory.



## CROSS STREET AND CHESTER STREET JUNCTION

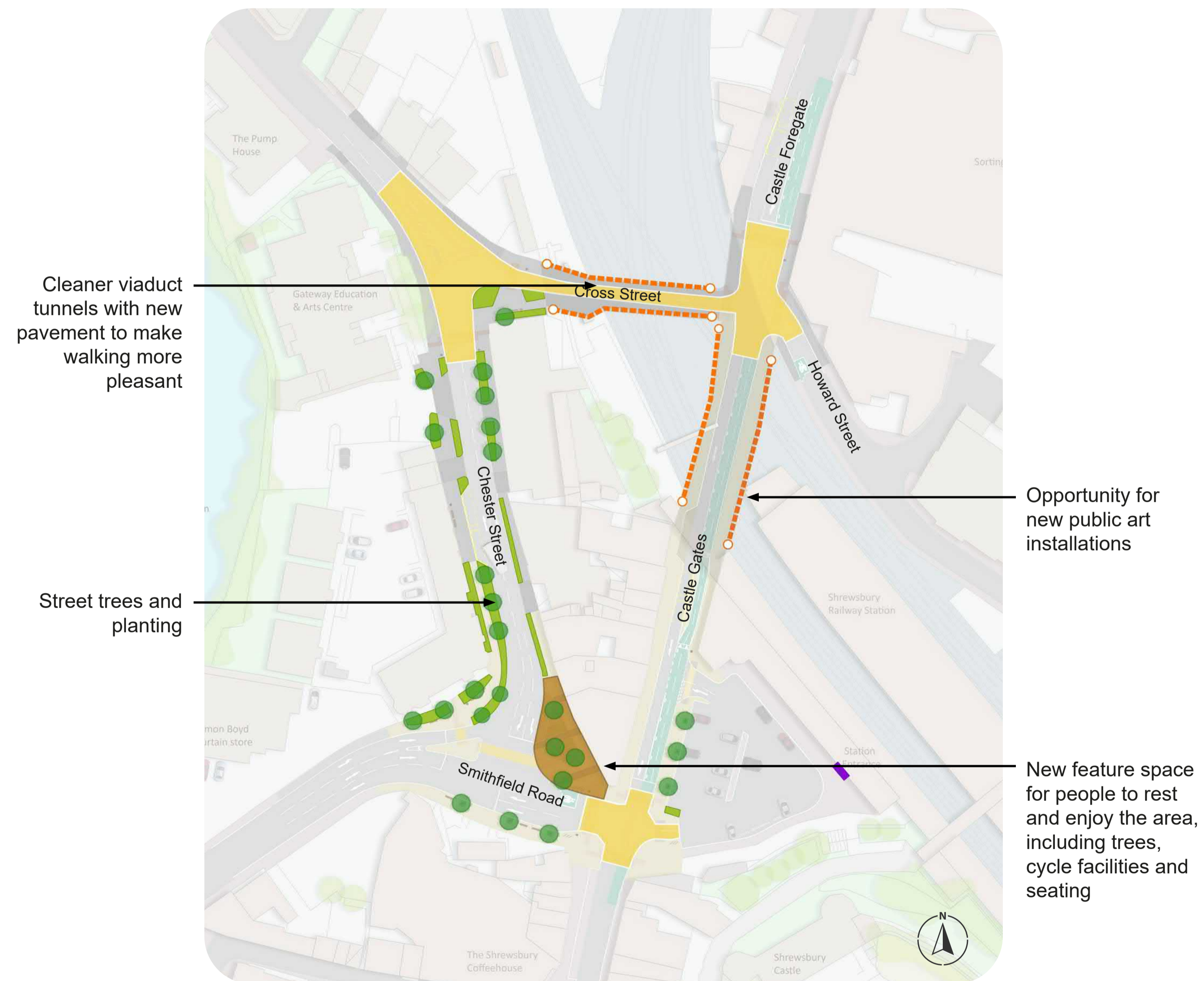
View is from the corner of Cross Street and faces south along Chester Street. The view shows the proposed junction improvements, street greening along and conversion of Chester Street to a 2-way traffic route.



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# PUBLIC SPACE PROPOSALS

The proposed improvements and changes to public space aim to **improve public safety** throughout the Station Gyratory area and **celebrate the local character** of our historic town centre. The area will be greener and less polluted, making it more welcoming for those visiting Shrewsbury, as well as more appealing for commuters using the railway station.



**KEY**

- Tree planting\*
- Planting beds\*
- New feature space
- Opportunity for public art
- Enhanced junction area
- Station entrance

\*Tree numbers, locations and exact planting areas are indicative.



**CASTLE GATES AND SMITHFIELD ROAD JUNCTION**

View is from the southern end of Castle Gates at the junction with Smithfield Road and faces north along Castle Gates. The view demonstrates the proposed junction improvements and accessibility by Shrewsbury railway station, the reduction of Castle Gates to single lane traffic, the introduction of the new 2-way cycle track and the proposed street greening and public space improvements.



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